

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Whittier

Whittier is a second class city located on the northeast shore of the Kenai Peninsula, at the head of Passage Canal. It is on the west side of Prince William Sound, about 60 miles southeast of Anchorage. Whittier is part of the Valdez-Cordova Census Area.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 161, a loss of about 21 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 51 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 23 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand than any other occupation.

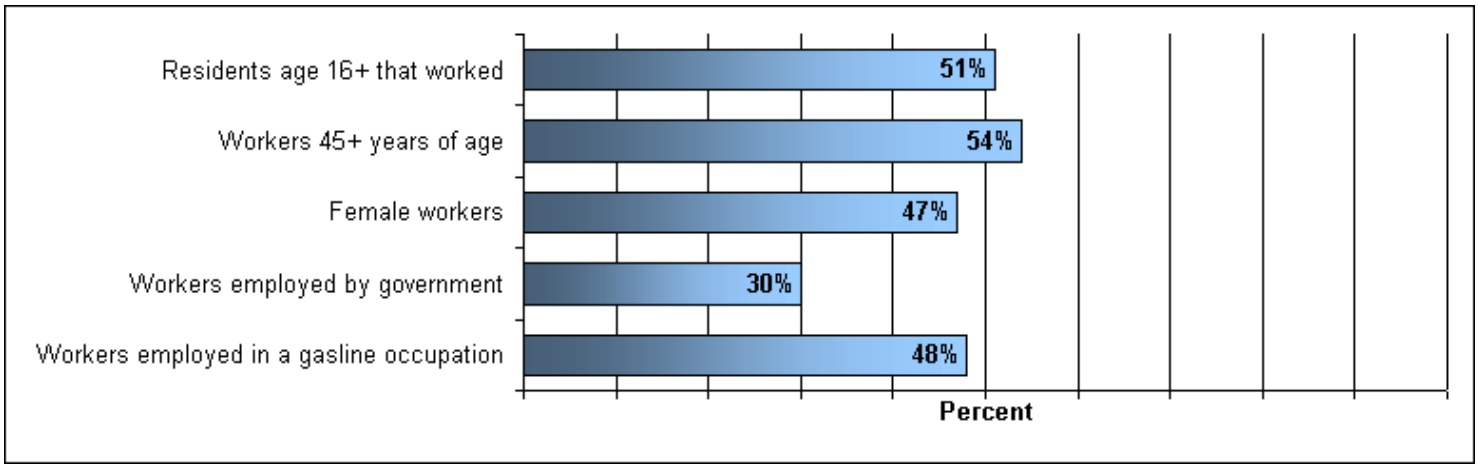
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Whittier Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	181	Total wages	\$2,772,228
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	92	Private	64
Male	49	State government	7
Female	43	Local government	21
Age 45+	50	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	31	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	86
		Percent working all 4 quarters	57.6%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	27	Some construction	18
		At least 1 year construction	8
		At least 2 years construction	7
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	97
New hires	31		

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2008 Residents

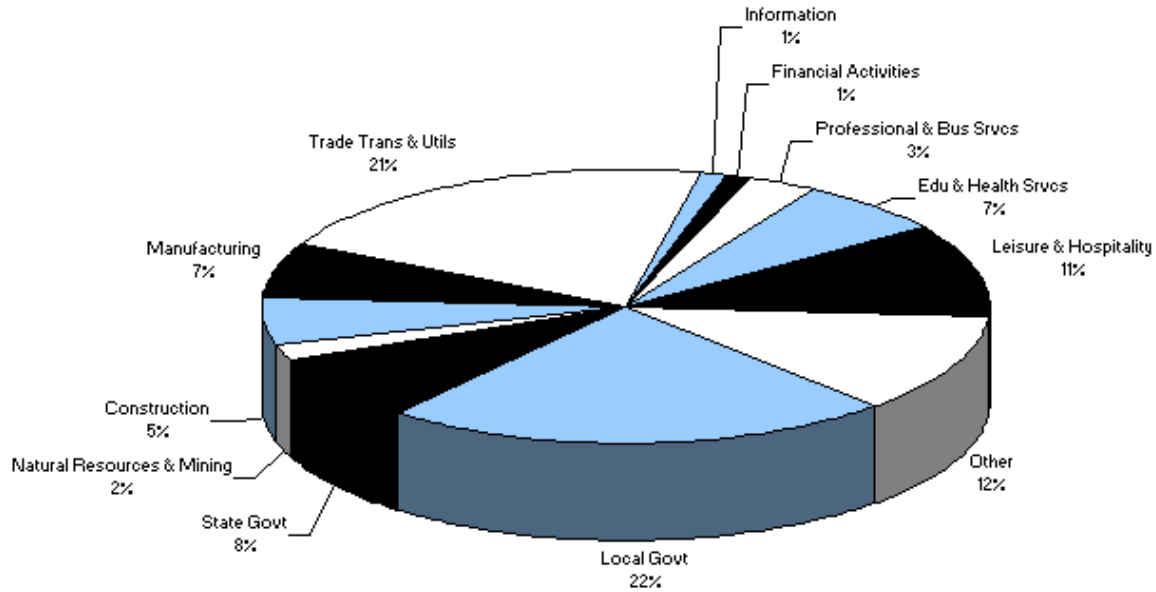


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	14	21.4%	9	6
Office Clerks, General AGIA	7	100.0%	3	3
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	6	0.0%	4	4
Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks	5	40.0%	4	2

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	*	*	*	*
Construction	5	0.0%	2	1
Manufacturing	6	50.0%	1	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19	42.1%	8	5
Information	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	*	*	*	*
Educational and Health Services	6	83.3%	5	1
Leisure and Hospitality	10	60.0%	9	5
State Government	7	28.6%	6	5
Local Government	21	66.7%	10	8
Other	11	27.3%	7	6
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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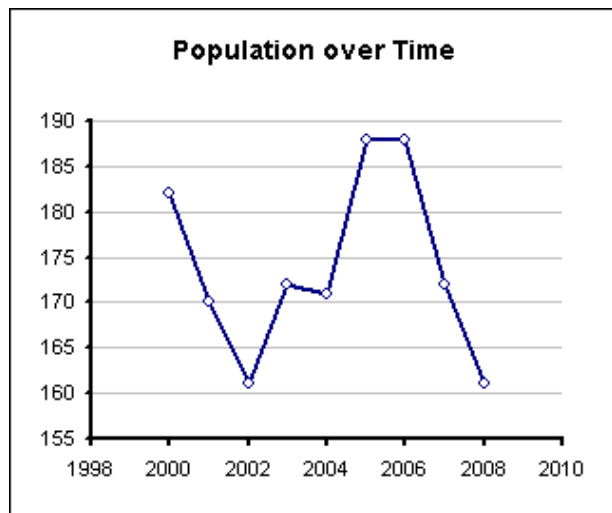
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	12	19	20	23

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

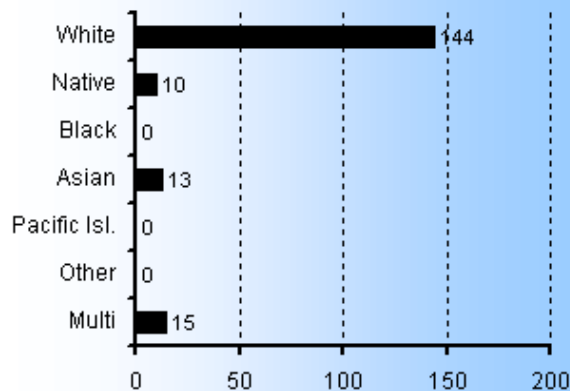
Whittier City of
Chugach School District
SE Stevedoring Corp
Anchor Inn
Begich Towers Condo Assoc Inc
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Great Pacific Seafoods Inc
Bread & Butter Charters
Eastern Aleutian Tribes Inc
Shoreside Petroleum Inc
AK West Express Inc
VMS Inc
Whittier Marina Condo Assn



2000 Census

Median Age	39.3
Average Family Size	2.8
Average Household Size	2.1
Per Capita Income	\$25,700
Median Family Income	\$51,875
Median Household Income	\$47,500

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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